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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS REPLY TO REF. A WHICH ASKED DEPT TO ARRANGE SCHEDULE FOR LEMONDE JOURNALIST VICHNEY, WHO WILL VISIT WASHINGTON FEB. 4, 5, AND 6. AS HE LEAVES SATURDAY, FEB. 2, WE WOULD LIKE REPLY BEFORE COB FRIDAY. ESPECIALLY NEEDED IS HIS INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED IN REF. B, VICHNEY ASKED IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO TALK TO ALVIN WEINBERG, NEWLY APPOINTED TO FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE.

2. VICHNEY IS ONE OF TOP FRENCH SCIENCE JOURNALISTS AND HE HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY. NOW SPECIALIZING IN NUCLEAR AFFAIRS, HE HAS GOOD CONTACTS WITH CEA ADMINISTRATOR ANDRE GIRAUD DESPITE BEING A TOUGH CRITIC OF FRENCH NUCLEAR POLICIES.

3. FOLLOWING HIS THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON VICHNEY PLANS TO VISIT NEW YORK, BOSTON, AND PITTSBURG.

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